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Berkeley Heights Newsletter

Communications Committee Publication - June 2022

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Town Business

Town Hall Summer Hours

Summer Hours will be in effect for Town Hall through Labor Day.

- Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm
- Friday 8am-1pm



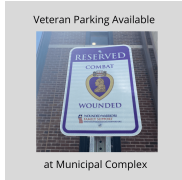
Berkeley Heights Awarded \$517,000 Safe Routes to School Grant

The Township of Berkeley Heights is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a \$517,000 grant award from the State of New Jersey's Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program. The grant award will help pay for the "Walking is Fun" project,

which will create safe walking routes along Snyder Avenue from Woodruff Elementary School to Hughes Elementary School. Specifically, the money will be used to construct sidewalks along the South side of the intersection of Locust Avenue and Snyder Avenue, up to Hughes school and to repair and replace the walking path behind Hughes School to Old Cannon Road. [Read more here.](#)



Combat-Wounded Veteran Parking Now Available at Town Hall



Combat-wounded veterans and Purple Heart recipients now have two premium parking spots available to them at the Berkeley Heights Municipal Complex. [Click here for more information.](#)

Did You Know Your Pet Needs to Be Licensed?

The Township of Berkeley Heights requires that all CATS and DOGS over the age of 7 months be licensed **annually**. Licenses are issued by the Township Clerk's office and, once issued, are valid thru January 31st of the year after licensing. Be sure to complete and return the application along with proof of Rabies vaccination and the appropriate fee as soon as possible. Whether you are renewing your pet license or applying for a new one, the **Rabies Vaccination Certificate MUST be valid through October 31st of the current year.** [More info & application here.](#)



Town Council Meetings are Now In Person

Council meetings are generally held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7pm in the Berkeley Room at the new Municipal Complex. [Check the schedule on the Township calendar at the bottom of our homepage here.](#)

Building Department/Permitting Process

Did you know that residents can apply for permits and get other helpful information regarding building/construction permitting and rules online? Going online will save you time and give you much of the information you need. [On our Building Department website](#), you can find on the menu on the left of your screen:

- various application forms
- construction code regulations
- inspection schedules
- checklists for decks, pools, generators, basements and new homes
- info on the permit process
- [check permit status](#)
- and more!

BH Public Library is Open for Business

Come visit us at our new location at 29 Park Avenue and tour the new building! Sign up for your free library card and enjoy a wealth of entertainment and information. In addition to books and media, we offer Ebooks, E-audiobooks, digital magazines, movies and music to stream, research databases, story times, books clubs, and internet access . Your library is so much more than just books! *Hours are 9am to 9pm on Monday through Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday 2 pm to 5 pm. Effective June 18th our summer hours will be:*

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00 - 9:00

Wednesday and Friday 9:00 - 5:00

Saturday 9:00 - 1:00 (in July, closed In August)

Sunday Closed until Labor Day



The Adult Book Groups will be discussing Isabel Allende's *A Long Petal of the Sea* on Friday, June 3rd at 10:15am or Tuesday, June 14th at 7:15pm. Attendance can be in-person or call/email the Reference Department for the Zoom info.

Berkeley Heights residents are invited to subscribe to **BookBrowse**, an online resource for reviews, read-alikes, author interviews, book group hints, and more.

The theme of Summer Reading 2022 is Oceans of Possibilities. We are busy planning for readers of all ages, You can print the schedules at <https://libraryaware.com/2JHoZJ> and <https://libraryaware.com/2JH199>

More programs will be added throughout the summer so stay tuned to **BHPL's facebook** and website calendar.

Township Council Updates

At each Township Council meeting, Council members provide updates on the various committees and boards on which they serve. Those updates are available after each meeting on the **Town website**.

Township Council Meeting Agenda Summaries

Prior to each Town Council meeting, Council President Jeanne Kingsley provides a summary of the topics to be covered at the meeting. **Click here to read.**

Electronics Recycling



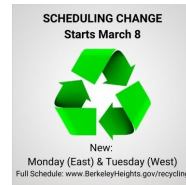
Electronics and appliance recycling will take place twice a month on the first and third Saturday of the month. The drop-off is at the DPW located off Park Ave on Berkeley Ave. ***The next dates will be on Saturday, June 4 and June 18 from 9 am to 12 noon.***

2022 Recycling Schedule

.Giordano is now accepting #5 plastic, along with #1 and #2. Remember that the recycling schedule is Mondays (East Side) and Tuesdays (West Side). **Click here for more**

Upcoming Recycling Schedule:

- East Side (Mondays): June 13, June 27
- West Side (Tuesdays): June 14, June 28



Senior Corner

Senior Programs

The Recreation Department continues to offer a variety of programming for seniors including exercise and everyone's favorite - BINGO! **Exercise classes are held at the Municipal Complex in the Multi Purpose Room on the Lower Level.** Please email recreation@bhtwp.com or call 908-464-0550 ext 1 to receive updates directly from the Recreation Department.

If you or any senior you know are interested know any senior interested in joining our programs, please email the Recreation Department (recreation@bhtwp.com or 908-464-0550). They will add you to their email list.



BERKELEY HEIGHTS | Senior Events

JUNE 2022

EVERY WEEK

MONDAYS

BINGO
10:00-11:00

CHAIR STRETCH
11:15-12:00

WEDNESDAYS

EXERCISE
10:00-11:00

CHAIR STRETCH
11:15-12:00

FRIDAYS

EXERCISE
10:00-11:00

SPECIAL TRIP/EVENT

MONDAY, JUNE 20

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY
Bus leaves from Town Hall Parking Lot at 8:15 AM

MONDAY, JUNE 27

BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO
If interested call Shirley Lakatos 908-322-8391

TUESDAY, JULY 12

BUS TRIP TO LA REGGIE RESTAURANT (LUNCH & SHOW)
If interested call Shirley Lakatos 908-322-8391

CLUB MEETINGS

TUESDAYS | 10:30-12:00

JUNE 7

REGULAR CLUB MEETING

JUNE 14

PIZZA & BINGO CLUB MEETING (11:00 AM)

JUNE 21

REGULAR CLUB MEETING

JUNE 28

PIZZA & BINGO CLUB MEETING

Committee/Board Updates

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is looking for volunteers with experience in graphic design, websites, and/or editing and writing. If interested, please contact the committee at Bhcommunications@bhtwp.com or complete a [volunteer application](#); all applications should be sent to brusso@bhtwp.com.

Downtown Beautification Committee (DBC)

Join BH Walks, Saturday, June 4

BHWalks, which brings together community members of all ages to walk together in Downtown Berkeley Heights, is restarting after a pandemic hiatus on **Saturday, June 4**. As we walk together, we pick up litter and look for any issues that could impact pedestrian and student safety. Meet residents and have fun.



On June 4, we'll meet at Veterans Memorial Park at 9 am. You'll be given a garbage bag and gloves by the Berkeley Heights Downtown Beautification Committee to collect litter along the route. The event will conclude by 11 am. Attendance is limited to 50 people. **Sign up here!**

Recreation Updates

Park Improvements



On May 21st Berkeley Heights Recreation teamed up with the confirmation candidates at Little Flower Church to create a rock garden at Columbia Park, plant flowers and clean up for the start of summer. We are grateful to all the boys and girls who worked so hard to help us improve our parks. Stop down and check it out on the Hamilton Avenue side of the Tom Barton courts.

During the month of June the Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission will be performing a lot of exciting improvement projects at Columbia Park and Veterans Memorial Park, including.

- **Installing steel bollards at the end of Hamilton Avenue to prevent vehicles from driving onto the walk/bike paths.**
- **Paving the walk/bike path that goes between the woods and Berkeley Swim Club.** Currently the path is a safety hazard for all residents wanting to walk/bike to Columbia Park from the west side of Berkeley Heights.
- **Creating a walk/bike down Hamilton Ave so visitors of our park do not have walk directly in the street.** This area has been safety hazard to children, dog walkers, senior citizens and everyone who wants to walk/bike to Columbia Park from the east side of Berkeley Heights.
- **Replacing the existing concrete slab, also known as the bandstand, at Veterans Memorial and replace it with a new slab with footings.**
- **Install a 30'x40' A-frame pavilion over the new concrete slab at Veterans Memorial Park.** This will provide protection from the weather to our senior citizens and park goers as well as parents watching a soccer game or veterans visiting

the Veterans Memorial. It will also provide improved acoustics and protection to the bands at our Summer Concerts.

Pickleball/Tennis Upgrades at The Tom Barton Courts

As we move into Summer Season, we continue to improve our state-of-the-art Pickleball/Tennis courts at Lower Columbia Park. At this time, our Acoustic Blok Fence Barrier is in transit to Berkeley Heights; we have dealt with supply chain issues over the last two years. We were able to secure this patented product in April 2022. Grant money was used to secure funding for this project and installation will take place by our outstanding DPW Team in June. Acoustic Blok will enable us to see a potential decibel reduction up to 50% as we strive to enhance the overall Columbia Park experience.

All of these improvements would not be possible without the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Grant that Berkeley Heights Recreation has received over the years.

Tom Barton Scholarship

It is with great pride that Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission selected our GLHS student for the First Tom Barton Scholarship. We were thrilled to have 17 applicants based on criteria established by the Recreation Commission. We used a rubric score based on initial criteria, figured our Top 5 and then proceeded to discuss and vote on our winning applicant. The GLHS Awards assembly is scheduled to be held on June 8th at 7pm in The Ken Stifel Auditorium at GLHS. We will have family members from Tom Barton's family, along with members from the Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission **presenting a \$2,000 check to our winning student.** What a great way to ensure the legacy of Tom Barton continues for years to come! We want to thank all applicants for the time spent sharing their stories and congratulations to our winner who will be named on June 8th.

Pickleball Tournament Slated for September 16, 17 and 18 at The Tom Barton Courts

Our first Tom Barton Memorial Pickleball Tournament will be held over these dates in September. We are excited to move forward with this Tournament as a way of promoting the sport of Pickleball and again recognizing Tom Barton, one of the founding members of Pickleball in Berkeley Heights. It is our intention to have tournament brackets for 2.5 – 5.0 players, this will depend on the number of participants in any respective division. Tournament entry discounts will be given to our permit holders! Mark these dates on your calendar and be sure to join us for what will be an exciting tournament.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Registration is still open for Summer Playground Camp and Weeks 1, 2, and 3 of Teen Scene. Visit [Community Pass](#) to register.

2022 Summer Playground Camp FAQ

June 22 - August 12 | 8:30am - 3:30pm | CAMP IS CLOSED: July 4th



WHEN: Wednesday, June 22 to Friday, August 12 (no camp 4th of July)

TIME: 8:30 am-3:30 pm

WHERE: 411 Plainfield Avenue - Lower Columbia Park (Completely Outdoors)

GRADES: Kindergarten - 7th (Berkeley Heights Residents ONLY)

COST: \$415.00 for the entire 8 weeks (additional siblings \$385.00 each)

REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, March 14*

*Online Registration never closes. If you register AFTER the start of camp, you will be REQUIRED to PRINT the payment confirmation form and show it to the Front Desk upon arrival.

Join us for another exciting, fun-filled summer at the Berkeley Heights Summer Playground Camp **WITH AN ADDITIONAL WEEK ADDED!**

Your child will spend the days completely outdoors, meeting and making friends, engaging in crafts, playing organized sports, participating in mini-campers, lead shows, constructing with legos, cooling off every Wednesday with a different water slide, and much, much more!!

This camp is the Township's beloved staple!

If you've never experienced it, you're missing out! We hope to see you all there this summer!!

TO REGISTER: <http://register.communitypass.net/berkeleyheights>

Teen Scene Summer Calendar						
JUNE - JULY 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
WEEK ONE \$470	JENKINSONS Boardwalk, Beach, Arcade	SIX FLAGS	DAVE & BUSTERS Arcade & Mall	BREAKWATER BEACH Water Park & Boardwalk	Battle Creek Paintball	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
WEEK TWO \$400	NO CAMP	WHITE WATER CHALLENGE	DAVE & BUSTERS Arcade & Mall	DORNEY PARK	JENKINSONS Boardwalk, Beach, Arcade	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
WEEK THREE \$470	SIX FLAGS	JENKINSONS Boardwalk, Beach, Arcade	DAVE & BUSTERS Arcade & Mall	BREAKWATER BEACH Water Park & Boardwalk	Battle Creek Paintball	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
WEEK FOUR \$470	JENKINSONS Boardwalk, Beach, Arcade	River Country Tubing	DAVE & BUSTERS Arcade & Mall	WHITE WATER CHALLENGE	SIX FLAGS	
VENUE	DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL AT VENUE	DEPART FROM VENUE	ARRIVE BACK AT GL	PROVIDED	BUY/BRING
Jenkinsons	9:30am GL	11:00am	3:30pm	5:00pm GL		X
Six Flags	8:00am GL	9:30am	3:30pm	5:00pm GL		X
Dave & Busters	10:30am GL	11:15am	3:15pm	4:00pm GL	X	
Breakwater Beach	9:00am GL	10:30am	3:30pm	5:00pm GL		X
Dorney Park	9:00am GL	11:00am	3:30pm	5:00pm GL		X
White Water Ch	8:00am GL	10:15am	4:00pm	6:15pm GL		X
River Country Tubing	9:00am GL	10:00am	3:30pm	4:30pm GL		X
Battle Creek PB	10:30am GL	11:15am	3:15pm	3:45pm GL	X	

Please arrive at Governor Livingston 15 minutes before departure time, to check in. Buses will leave promptly at designated times.

Pickleball & Tennis at the Tom Barton Courts

Community Pass is now open for the purchase of our 2022 Permits and to reserve a court Reservations.

The Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission/Department intent is to ensure all permit holders have equal access to the courts, while adhering to facility regulations. All players must cooperate in the spirit of proper etiquette and courtesy as well as follow the rules of play, usage, and facility parameters. Our Recreation Attendants/Recreation Officials will have the final say in all matters that revolve around our courts. In the true honor of our beloved Tom Barton, we will not increase our Permit/Fee structure for 2022, holding our 2021 pricing.

General Information

- Pickleball Play is not permitted before 8:00 AM
- NO: alcoholic beverages, food, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, athletic/folding chairs, baby carriages or strollers are permitted on the courts. Shoes & shirts are required at all times.
- POSITIVELY NO PETS ARE PERMITTED ON COURTS at ANY TIME!

Recreation e-Newsletter

If you would like to get the latest recreation updates happening in town and be a part of the Weekly e-newsletter, create a Family Page on **Community Pass**.

Environmental Commission Updates

What to do about Mosquitoes in your Yard



With Summer coming on, so is mosquito season. Residents can take some easy steps to minimize the incidence of mosquitoes and our exposure to the diseases they transmit. According to the CDC, an important strategy for keeping mosquitoes out of your yard is to eliminate their preferred breeding ground: standing water.

- Remove all standing water from your yard by bringing indoors or emptying and cleaning all containers, even very small ones. For example, do not leave toys that can retain water outside; remove saucers from under flower pots; clean or remove pool covers; clean pools and add chlorinated water; cover rain barrels with mosquito proof netting; make sure rain gutters are properly sloped. Clean out the gutters and rain spouts. Cover corrugated extension tubes with fine mesh netting to prevent mosquitoes from gaining access.
- For standing water, use mosquito dunks containing *Bacillus thuringiensis* (BT). BT is a naturally occurring bacterium that kills mosquito larvae. It is environmentally safe, as it is found in soils and approved for use in organic farming. More information about BT can be found at the [EPA website](#). These are available at your local hardware store.
- Organize or participate in clean-up activities to pick up garbage from parks and other public spaces.
- Share your knowledge with friends and neighbors! Mosquitoes don't obey yard boundaries, so it is important to share your knowledge and work together to reduce mosquito problems in your neighborhood.

For more information, please visit the [Rutgers NJ AES Mosquito Control website](#).

A Crash Course on Lawn Fertilizing

Fertilizing your lawn can easily be a wasteful endeavor if done without certain considerations. Generally, fertilizer is best applied when plants need food or are actively growing. Otherwise, expensive fertilizer washes straight to storm drains. To learn best practices and why you should be careful, please click [here](#).



Community Updates

The Downtown Summer Block Party is back – and your organization needs to be there!

The second Downtown Summer Block Party returns to Springfield Avenue on Sunday, June 5, 2022. The Summer Block Party is free and runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Parking will be available at town hall, next to the Berkeley Heights train station, and at Connect One, Bank of America and Haven Savings banks. For more information click [here](#).



OPEN HOUSE AT BHVRS

(Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad)

The Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad is a 100% all-volunteer agency serving Berkeley Heights and neighboring communities when requested, 7 days a week, 24 hours/day. We never charge for any of our services. We are financially supported thanks to

the generous support of Berkeley Heights citizens, businesses and community organizations.

WHEN: EVERY THURSDAY

TIME: 4:00-7:00pm

WHERE: BHVRS (378 Snyder Ave)

WHO: Anyone willing to volunteer their time to those in need of medical care

COST: FREE

For more information on the BHVRS go to www.bhvrs.org or contact membership@bhvrs.org with any questions.



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